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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CREATING INTERACTIVE EVENTS

Grp./Div. : 2152

Examiner : Duyen My Doan

Docket No · 58849/G476

## PETITION REQUESTING RESETTING OF RESPONSE DEADLINE TO JULY 31, 2008, AND WAIVER OF PETITION FEE AND EXTENSION FEES

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Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 July 31, 2008

## Commissioner:

Applicant respectfully requests that the May 1, 2008, deadline for responding to the final Office action issued in this application be reset to July 31, 2008, the date of the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment being submitted concurrently herewith.

On November 1, 2007, the Examiner issued a final Office action. On March 4, 2008, Applicant filed a Response After Final Action with a Petition to Correct Inventorship, along with the appropriate request for extension of time and associated extension fees. When the May 1, 2008, deadline for responding to the final Office action approached without a Notice of Allowance or an Advisory action, the undersigned contacted Examiner Doan and inquired the status of the application. The Examiner indicated that because a Petition to Correct Inventorship was filed, the case was being reviewed by a different office, and that she could not act on the Response to the final Office action until that office was finished with its review. The Examiner

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reassured the Applicant that the application would not go abandoned even if the case was not deemed to be in condition for allowance after May 1, 2008, and necessitate an Advisory action.

Applicant finally received an Advisory action dated July 2, 2008. In the Advisory action, the Examiner marked the box that states that the period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. When the undersigned contacted the Examiner with respect to the response date, the Examiner stated that she had marked that box because the Advisory action form provided no other suitable options that could be selected for indicating the date of the response. The Examiner reassured the Applicant, however, that the application would not be deemed to be abandoned because the delay of the Advisory Action was not Applicant's fault.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the extended deadline for responding to the final Office action be reset to July 31, 2008, the date of the filing of the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment that is submitted concurrently herewith. A waiver of the Petition fee is also requested because the delay for filing the RCE was not Applicant's fault. Applicant also requests a waiver of any further extension fees because a request for a 3 month extension of time was filed on May 1, 2008, along with the appropriate extension fees.

In the event there are any fees required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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